

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM44.125	ACTION			Ward:17
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Requesting Authorization for the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Hydro One related to restoring and improving Don Panos Parkette - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Hydro One to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, with respect to Hydro One committing to ensuring that Don Panos Parkette is restored to its pre-construction condition once the work is completed and undertake improvements within the Parkette for the benefit of the community, including but not limited to park improvements, installation and construction of a performance stage, landscaping enhancements, aesthetic improvements, etc.

Summary

Back in February, Hydro One began working on a large scale project that involved refurbishing 10 kilometres of overhead transmission line to accommodate additional power that will come from Hydro One's Runnymede Transformer Station, located at Jane Street and St. Clair Avenue West.

Construction activities have involved refurbishing the existing towers and replacing the overhead wires and associated equipment to accommodate the additional power capacity.

Within Ward 17, part of the project included some minor activity inside the Wiltshire Transformer Station, located on Wiltshire Ave. In addition, Hydro One has been working within Don Panos Parkette from late February until present, and for safety purposes the Parkette was closed off to the public.

Hydro One committed that to the local Business Improvement Area, community at large and my office that the project would have been completed by May 31, 2018. Unfortunately, it was pushed back to mid-June, only to be subsequently told it could be end of July or early August. These delays have led to the St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area postponing their

annual Corn Roast celebration until late September.

Background Information (City Council)

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